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**DYNAMICALLY TUNABLE SOFTWARE TEST**

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Examiner: Zheng Wei

Interview Date/Time: February 5, 2008 @ 10:30 AM

17/25. (Previously Presented) In a computer system that includes software under test, a method of verifying the software with one or more tunable test cases that are capable of being set to any of a plurality of verification levels, the method comprising steps for:

loading one or more test cases that include a plurality of software testing instructions organized as a plurality of verification levels within a verification hierarchy, wherein at least two verification levels within the verification hierarchy define different amounts of testing to perform for determining if the software functions as intended when executed;

receiving verification setting instructions for one or more desired verification levels from within the verification hierarchy for use in testing the software, wherein the received verification setting instructions select the one or more desired verification levels from a group of verification levels that include at least first and second verification levels, wherein selection of the first verification level causes the one or more test cases to be run during testing and which includes invoking an insert record object to determine if the invocation of the insert record object results in a system crash and while refraining from producing any recorded output, and wherein selection of the second verification level causes the one or more test cases to invoke an insert record object, and wherein the second verification level is distinguished from the first verification level by verifying with recorded output, which was produced by the second verification level and which the first verification level refrained from producing, that a record corresponding to the insert record object was properly inserted and present; and

testing the software at the one or more desired verification levels, which include at least one of the first and second verification levels, by running the one or more test cases that include the plurality of software testing instructions that correspond to the one or more desired verification levels.

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42. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein selection of a third verification level causes verification of the record being inserted as well as verification that the record was only inserted a single time and wherein testing of the software includes running the third verification level.

43. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein selection of a third verification level causes verification of the record being inserted as well as verification that the record was inserted without overwriting another record and wherein testing of the software includes running the third verification level.

44. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the method further includes upon detecting an adverse or unexpected result from testing the software, isolating the plurality of test cases within the test group and running each of the isolated test cases individually.

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15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein a portion of the one or more test cases that corresponds to the one or more desired verification levels does not produce any testing output.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein a portion of the one or more test cases that corresponds to the one or more desired verification levels produces one or more test outputs for verifying the software.